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SUBJ: TERRORISM: TWO PALESTINIANS ILLEGALLY ENTER

MEXICO WITH POSSIBLE INTENT TO ENTER U. S. AND

PUERTO RICO.

REF: MEXICO 4279; MEXICO 4294

1. MEXICAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE INTERVIEWED TWO PALESTINIANS INFORMED US THAT THEY ARE APPARENTLY LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMEN FROM PORTO ALEGRE WHO HAD INTENDED TO VISIT FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY. SO FAR AS MEXICAN AUTHORITIES COULD TELL, THEIR PASSPORTS APPEARED TO BE GENUINE. THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE PLACED ON AVRIG FLIGHT 871 DEPARTING MEXICO CITY AT 0200 JUNE 17 FOR BRAZIL.

2. ABOVE INFORMATION OBVIOUSLY LEAVES A NUMBER OF POINTS UNCLEAR, SUCH AS WHY THESE TWO MEN CAME TO MEXICO CITY WITHOUT VISAS FOR U. S. AND WHY THEY SNEAKED OUT OF THEIR HOTEL AND TRIED TO ENTER THE U. S. IN LAREDO WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT CLEAR UP THESE POINTS. IN ANY CASE, IT DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, APPEAR THAT THEY WERE TERRORISTS.
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